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NYT'S GWERTZMAN (2/28) REPORTS ADMIN, CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAYING SATURDAY THAT PRES EXPECTED NAME THOMAS GATES NEXT USLO CHIEF; SOURCES ADDED THAT ONLY FORMALITIES REMAIN TO BE COMPLETED WITH PEKING BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE. GWERTZMAN SAYS, PRESUMABLY, ADMIN WOULD ALSO LIKE DELAY ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL AFTER NEWSOF NIXON TRIP WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH GATES APPOINTMENT. CONTENTS GATES REPORTEDLY "SUITABLE" TO SEN HUGH SCOTT BECAUSE OF THEIR POLITICAL TIES THROUGH YEAFS, AND GATES ALSO REPORTEDLY CLOSE IDEOLOGICALLY TO WM SCRANTON. LIKE PREDECESSORS, GATES HAS HAD NO EXPERIENCE IN CHINESE AFFAIRS, BUT DID MAKE SIGNIFICANT JAN 1965 SPEECH BEFORE US STEEL ANNUAL DINNER, AFTER HE HAD LEFT PENTAGON, UNCLASSIFIED

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CALLING ON US OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PEKING. ACCORDING ONE CONGRESSMAN, 'FORD IS VERY, VERY LUCKY TO GET HIM' (EXCERPTED IN WSTAR 2/28).

NINON RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA SUNDAY (WSJ). EX-PRES MADE NO PUBLIC STATEMENT UPON LEAVING JETLINER; WALKED ONLY FEW STEPS TO WAITING AUTO, 0YSTANDERS SAW NO SIGN OF LIMP HE HAD DURING PRC VISIT. AMONG THOSE MEETING

NIXON WERE DAUGHTER, TRICIA, AND TWO PRCLO MEM0ERS, IDENTIFIED PY LA AIRPORT OFFICTALS AS YANG SHU-CHANG AND YANG YU-YUNG (AP, SUN). DURING TOKYO STOPOVER, AIDE BRENNAN HAD SAID NIXON RETURNING TO SAN CLEMENTE QUIET, NONPUBLIC LIFE (AP PHINQ, NYT, NYDN).

NIXON APPEARED IN RELAXED, AFFABLE MOOD ON LAST DAY IN CANTON; SHOOK HANDS, WAVED AT CHINESE GREETERS, PAUSED SEVERAL TIMES TO EXCLAIM: "CHUNG MEI YU YI WAN SUI" (AP SUN, NYDN, NYT, PHINQ; UPI, WP; CHITRIB). IN BIGGEST RECEPTION OF PRC TRIP, NIXON WAS NEARLY MO00ED BY THOUSANDS CLAPPING, SHOVING CHINESE AT CANTON (WP 2/29). AT TSUNGHUA, NIXON PREDICTED "MUCH MORE TRADE" BETWEEN US, PRC (AP, NYT 2/29); RECEIVED LECTURE ON JOYS OF COMMUNISM FROM CHINESE FARMER SATURDAY (AP, SUN; UPI, WSTAR 2/29).

WP CARRIES AP PHOTO OF TRICIA MEETING PARENTS. NYT (2/28) RUNS UPI PIC OF NIXONS TOURING K'EILIN REED FLUTE CAVES. NIXON HAND-SHAK, NY WITH CANTON CROWDS APPEARS IN NYDN (UPI), WP (AP). UPI PHOTOS OF REPORTEDLY FATIGUED NIXON APPEAR IN SUN (2/28), WSTAR (2/28). CHITRIB HAS FULL PAGE OLLIE ATKINS/PLEDGE PHOTOS: PAT WITH TWO CHINESE YOUNGSTERS IN PEKING; HUA KUO-FENG SMOKING, LISTENING AS INTERPRETER TRANSLATES NIXOH CONVERSATION; NIXONS APPLAUDING WHILE ATTENDING PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY CMTE SOIREE; NIXON EXAMINIHG POTTERY HORSE, AND INSPECTING TSINGHUA U WALL POSTERS.

UPI (KWEILIN 2/28) REPORTED NIXON AS ATTENDED PY PEKING HEART/CARDIO VASCULAR SPECIALIST, FOLLOWED BY AMBULANCE, DURING HIS TOUR SOUTHERN PRC, AS CHINESE WERE 00VIOUSLY UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCERNED A0OUT HIS SIGNS OF EXHAUSTION (WSTAR, NYT).

PRC POLITICAL STRUGGLE 0ECAME MORE OPEN OVER WEEKEND, ATTACKS ON TENG HSIO-PING BROADENED TO INCLUDE OTHER 'CAPITALIST ROADER' OFFICIALS. SATURDAY, PEOPLE'S DAILY ALLUDED TO TENG AS OPPONENT OF 'CLASS STRUGGLE.' IN HK, TRAVELERS FROM CANTON CLAIMED WALL POSTERS THERE, FOR FIRST TIME; ALSO, ATTACKED CHOU EN-LAI FOR HAVING SPONSORED TENG'S POLITICAL RE'ABILITA-TION, WITH FIGHTS 0ETWEEN STUDENT PUTTING UP POSTERS AND CHOU SUPPORTERS (WP, NYT). REUTER (PEKING) QUOTES SENIOR PRC OFFICIAL THAT TENG HAS NO CHANCE REHA0ILITATE HIMSELF THIS TIME (CHITRIB, CSM; WP 2/29).

REUTER (PEKING 2/29) NOTED TENG REPORTED SATURDAY STILL HOLDING TOP STATE, CCP, PLA POSTS, BUT THERE WAS EVIDENCE FIER; LEFTIST CAMPAIGN HAD SPREAD TO PROVINCES, WAS

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DEVELOPING INTO BROADER ATTACK ON POLITICAL MODERATES REHABILITATED SINCE GPCR (SUN 2/29).

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD ANNOUNCED FRIDAY SALES CONTRACT INVOLVING SHIPMENT 950,000 LONG TONS WHEAT TO PRC (WSJ; JOC).

UPI (TAIPEI 2/27) REPORTED CCK DECLARED US-ROC ALLIANCE SHOULD NOT BE UNDERMINED BY US 'ACCOMMODATION" WITH PRC. IN STATE OF NATION ADDRESS, PREMIER PREDICTED WORSENING OF MAINLAND POLITICAL CONFLICT, PLEDGED FOLLO' CKS GOAL OF BUILDING TAIWAN AS BASE FOR EVENTUAL RECOVERY MAINLAND.

CONTRACTS WORTH 1.5 MILLION DOLS FOR S 'PLY OF COMPLETE CONTINUOUS RAIL-WELDING PLANT AND TO UPGRADE EXISTING RAIL SYSTEMS IN TAIWAN HAVE BEEN AWARDED CEMETRON CORP'S GASES AND RELATED PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL DIVISION IN CHICAGO, ON BEHALF TAIWAN RR ADMIN (JOC).

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SEN ABOUREZK (SD) SAID SUNDAY GAO REPORT SHOWS DOS DID NOT IHFORM CONGRESS OF 34 US-ROK AGREEMENTS, SINCE CASE ACT REPORTING REQUIREMENT ENACTED 1972. ASKED SFRC INVESTIGATE. AID, DOD DO NOT CONSIDER "SUBORDINATE AGREEMENTS' SUBJECT REPORTING REQUIREMENT (AP, NYT). INCLUDE PROPOSALS PROVIDE 1.5 0IL DOLS FOR 5-YR ROK MIL FORCE MODERNIZATION, 365 MIL DOLS HELP DEPLOY ROK TROOPS (SVN (REUTER, WP).

CHESHIRE (WP 2/29) CITES FORMER WH AIDE JOHN NIDECKER, THAT ROK ASSYMAN CHIN HWAN ROW OFFERED CONTRIBUTE CAMPAIGN FUNDS 'FRIENDLY' CONGRESSMEN TWICE. MADE BLANKET OFFER, 0EFORE NIXOH RESIGNATION, CONTRIBUTE ANYONE RECOMMENDED ADMIN RECOMMENDED. ALSO MADE OFFER REP WIGGINS (CALIF) AT LEAST TWO YEARS AGO. SAYS NIDECKER WROTE MEMOS CONVERSATION FOR ADMIN, FORWARDED DOS. CONFIRMED BY DON RANARD, WHO SENT DISCUSS MATTER AT WH. NOTES NIDECKER QUESTIONED BY STAFFER PREPARING FOR HIRC FRASER SUBCMTE HEARINGS NEXT MONTH ON ROKG ATTEMPTS INFLUENCE US ELECTIONS.

3. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

RE CAMBODIA CHARGES 3 US F-111S BOMBED SIEM REAP WEDS
RTG MIL SOURCES SPECULATE FIRE IN SIEM REAP
SPREAD TO AMMO DUMP, CAUSING EXPLOSION CAMBODIANS BLAME
ON US (WP 2/28).

NYT'S ANDELMAN AT BANGKOK (2/28) REVIEWS CAMBODIAN
ACCUSATION. NOTES BROADCAST GAVE MORE DETAIL THAN
MOST CAMBODIAN GOVT STATEMENTS, SO MOST ANALYSTS
BELIEVE SOME SORT INCIDENT TOOK PLACE. SAYS BROADCAST
SET OFF WAVE SPECULATION THAILAND AS TO SIGNIFICANCE,
EVENTS THAT COULD HAVE CAUSED SUCH REPORT. BELIEVES
MOST LIKELY SOME DISSIDENT ELEMENTS INVOLVED, EITHER
INSIDE COUNTRY OR INFILTRATED FROM AMONG REFUGEES
IN THAILAND. QUOTES SOME ANALYSTS THAT ATTACK ON
SIEM REAP MIGHT HAVE TAKEN PLACE; CAMBODIANS REFUSE
ADMIT DISSIDENT ELEMENTS OPERATING INSIDE COUNTRY, SO
MIGHT EXPLAIN EXPLOSION AS DUE AIRCRAFT. CITES OTHER
POSSIBILITIES, SUCH AS PLANES FROM LAOS OR VN, FABRICA-
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TION OF INCIDENT IN EFFORT RETALIATE AGAINST THAI
CHARGES THAT CAMBODIAN SHIPS ATTACKED THAI FISHING
BOATS. COMMENTS RELS BETWEEN CAMBODIA, RTG NOW IN
QUESTION, IT SCHEDULED SECOND CONFERENCE, SEQUEL TO
LAST FALL'S, NOW CANCELED. WP QUOTES CAMBODIAN RADIO
T; AT 10,000 TROOPS HELD RALLY PP TO PROTEST ALLEGED
SIEM REAP BOMBING.

THAI SOCIALIST PARTY HEAD ASSASSINATED, SHOT WHILE
DRIVING CAR (WSTAR 2/29). SIMONS (WP 2/29) SEES EVENT
HEIGHTENING ELECTION TENSION, INCREASING FEARS MIL
COUP. NOTES 7 OTHER POLITICAL FIGURES KILLED SINCE
PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED JAN 12, WITH LEFTISTS, RIGHTISTS
BLAMING EACH OTHER FOR INCIDENTS. GIVES BACKGROUNDER
OH SLAIN MAH, QUOTES POLICE THAT MURDER SEEMED PROFESSIONAL
JOB. IN 3/1 WP, SIMONS REPORTS LEFTISTS FEAR MORE KILL-
INGS, PROSPECTS RAISED DEVELOPMENT STUDENT-LED UNDERGROUND
MOVEMENT TO COMBAT FURTHER VIOLENCE THAT THEY BELIEVE
ORGANIZED BY RIGHTISTS, ARMY. NOTES SOME WESTERN
OBSERVERS BELIEVE IF ARMY STAGES COUP STUDENTS, LEFT-
WING PARTIES WOULD REACT VIOLENTLY.

US HANDS KORAT A0 TO RTG AS PART WITHDRAWAL (AP, PHINQ;
WP). NYT'S ANDELMAN AT BANGKOK SAYS US, RTG LOCKED IN
NEGOTIATIONS THAT WITHIN MONTH SHOULD
DETERMINE SIZE, SHAPE US PRESENCE. NOTES THAI "SEVEN
POINTS" DEMAND RAISE NEW COMPLEXITIES SINCE CALLS
FOR COMPLETE REDRAWING STATUS-OF-FORCES AGREEMENT TO
COVER ALL MIL FACILITIES, INCLUDING TOP-SECRET ELECTRONIC
ESPIONAGE BASE RAMASUN. THINKS US WANTS KEEP ABOUT
3000 MIL PERSONNEL IN THAILAND. SEES KEY ISSUES AS

STATUS FORCES, INCLUDING THAI JURISDICTION; AND
FUNCTIONS REMAINING PERSONNEL WOULD PERFORM.

HANOI CALLS ON UNDERGROUND SEA GROUPS STEP UP FIGHT TO
OVERTHROW NON-COMMUNIST GOVTS, SAYS TIME NEVER SO GOOD

FOR REVOLT (UPI, NYT).

WSTAR'S BRADSHAW (2/27) REPORTS SVN INCREASES PRESSURE
ON CIVILIAN, MIL DISSENTERS, RELIGIOUS GROUPS TO
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FIT INTO DISCIPLINED COMMUNIST SOCIETY. NOTES MANY
RESIST NEW REGIME IN VARIOUS WAYS, BUT ANALYSTS SEE
NO REAL THREAT TO GOVT; REGIME MAY BE RUNNING OUT OF
PATIENCE, BUT INCREASED PRESSURE COOL, CALCULATED.

4. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

HOLLES (NYT 2/29) NOTES EMERGENCE VN LIBERATION FRONT-
IN-EXILE PRODUCES SHARP DISAGREEMENT AMONG CALIF VIET
REFUGEES. DISTRUST DUE MAINLY FEAR OF REPRISALS AGAINST
RELATIVES STILL IN SVN. MOVEMENT, CALLED FORCE OF
RENAISSANCE, STARTED TO COMBAT SPREAD COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA
AMONG REFUGEES, HOPES IN FUTURE RECRUIT EXPEDITIONARY
FORCE TO RETURN SVN, FIGHT GOVT. SAYS OTHER REFUGEE
GROUPS URGE MEMBERS ESCHEW IT DUE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

5. PHILIPPINES

GOP DEPORTS FORMER US ARMY LT, WHO WHO SPENT 4 MOS WITH
MOSLEM DISSIDENTS IN MINDANAO, AFTER DETAINING 'IM
SINCE FEB 8. AMCIT SAYS HOPED INFILTRATE MOSLEM DISSIDENT
RANKS TO GET INFO SELL GOP (AP, PHINQ).

6. MALAYSIA

ELECTED KING INSTALLED, WILL SERVE 5-YR TERM (WP 2/29;
AP, SUN 2/29).

7. SINGAPORE

AMNESTY INTL CRITICIZES VIOLATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS IN
SINGAPORE, POINTS OUT SOME POLITICAL PRISONERS DETAINED
OVER 13 YRS (AFP, WP).

8. HONG KONG

STRAUSS (JOC) IN HK NOTES RECESSION HIT COLONY HARD --
BUT STRENGTHENED IT, AS PRODUCTION PRIORITIES RE-
DISTRIBUTED, SMALLER EXPORTS MOVED UP RAPIDLY INCLUDING
ELECTRONICS ITEMS, WATCHES, ELECTRICAL MACHINERY.

SAYS HK PRIDES SELF ON FLEXIBILITY.

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9. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

AUSSIE PRIMARY INDUSTRY EXPECTED GAIN TIS YR DESPITE REDUCED WOOL CLIP DUE INCREASE DEMAND WOOL, IMPROVING LIVESTOCK PRICES (JOC). MCLAUCHLIN (JOC) AT AUCKLAND HOTES GONZ STARTS TIGHT SQUEEZE ON IMPORTS TO TRY BRING ECONOMY INTO 0LACK IN 1977. RECOUNTS IMPORT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS TO FIGHT INCREASING IMPORT BILL. NOTES BOOM IN LIVESTOCK PRICES, BETTER WOOL PRICES, 0IGGER DEMAND FOR PULP, PAPER EVOKE OPTIMISTIC PREDICTIONS OF PROSPERITY'S RETURN.

10. JAPAN

JCS CHAIRMAN GENL BROWN ARRIVED TOKYO SUNDAY. INVITED BY COUNTERPART, GENL SHIRAKAWA. WILL MEET MINDEF SAKATA (REUTER, WP).

ABOUT 300 WORKERS, HOUSEWIVES STAGED PROTEST DEMONSTRATION IN RAIN TOKYO, SUNDAY, ON EVE SECOND DIET HEARINGS ON LOCKHEED SCANDAL (UPI, NYDN).

NESSEN TOLD PRESS FRIDAY PRES DRAFTING REPLY MIKI LETTER WHICH ASKED NAMES HIGH GOJ OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY PAID BY LOCKHEED; GAVE NO DETAILS ON CONTENTS (REUTER WASHINGTON).

DOS OFFICIALS SAID FRIDAY NO LEGAL 'AY FOR USG PLAY ROLE IN JAPANESE EFFORTS CALL THREE AMERICANS TESTIFY ON DIET ON LOCKHEED SCANDAL; CAN NEITHER FORCE TO GO, NOR PREVENT IF THEY SO WISH (AP, WSTAR 2/28).

SEC SOURCE SAID THURSDAY APLE IDENTIFY 'SOME' OFFICIALS WHO GOT PAYOFFS, BUT NOT KNOWN HO FAR ADMIN CAN GO COMPLY MIKI REQUEST. SAID DOS INTENT COMPLY WITH MIKI REQUEST, EVEN IF JEOPARDIZES SEC INVESTIGATION. EXPLAINED DECISION NOT PROVIDE FULL DISCLOSURE WOULD REFLECT LEGAL OBSTACLES, NOT ADMIN ATTEMPT KEEP DATA SECRET FROM JAPANESE (AP, WASHINGTON 2/27).

SEIDEN (SUN 2/28) NOTES KODAMA, POSSIBLY TARO FUKUDA, UNCLASSIFIED

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ONLY TWO WITNESSES W'O MAY BE ABLE NAME GOJ OFFICIALS WHO GOT OVER 2 MILLION DOLS LOCKHEED PAYOFFS. BOTH HOSPITALIZED, "TOO SICK"TESTIFY 0EFORE DIET. SAYS PUBLIC PROCURATOR DECLINED ONFIRM OR DENY ASAHI REPORT FRIDAY MAY ARREST TWO RECENTLY RESIGNED MARUBENI EXECS.

TAX OFFICIAL TOLD TOKYO PRESS FRIDAY PLANS REFER KODAMA CASE TO PROCURATORS NEXT WEEK (REUTER TOKYO).

CULLISON (JOC) SAYS GOJ WOULD FACE 'EXTREME DIFFICULTY,' IN WAKE OF UGLY SCANDAL, IF DECIDED BUY LOCKHEED P-3C NEAR FUTURE. MITI FAVORS DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT ASW PLANE TO STIMULATE ECONOMY, MOF FAVORS LOCKHEED BECAUSE LOWER COST. NOTES MSDF STILL WANTS HIGHLY EFFICIENT P-3C, BUT, IF NECESSARY, WOULD RATHER IMPORT HAWKER-SIDDELY 'NIMROD' INSTEAD OF SPENDING SLIM BUDGET DEVELOP DOMESTIC ASW PLANE.

WITKIN (NYT 2/28) SAYS GRUMMAN MAKING DETERMINED EFFORT CONVINCE AVIATION WORLD TALK OF THREATENED DEMISE AS FIGHTER PLANE MAKER 'PREMATURE.' CITES GRUMMAN PRES SKURLA REVIEW "VIGOROUS" EFFORTS SELL F-14 TOMCAT TO POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS JAPAN, SAUDI ARABIA.

NELSON STITT, FOUNDER US-JAPAN TRADE COUNCIL, DIED AT HOME, WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, AT AGE 60 (NYT SPECIAL).

MITSUBI SAID SIGNED CONTRACT EXPORT SOV FOUR AMMONIUM PLANTS VALUED 264.7 MILLION DOLS. TO BE BUILT MINSK, KHARKOV, MOSCOW, KIEV, BY 1980. CAPACITY EACH 1,500 TONS AMMONIUM/DAY (WSJ, TOKYO).

MOF FRIDAY ISSUED REVISED JANUARY BOP DATA, SHOWING WORST MONTHLY DEFICIT OF PAST YEAR, 1,059 MILLION DOLS. SAID DUE "SEASONALLY SLUGGISH" EXPORTS. OFFICIALS ADDED 'NOT PARTICULARLY DISTURBED,' SINCE TYPICAL OF JANUARY PATTERN (JOC, TOKYO). MITI NAMED FIVE MORE REFINERS THAT BENEFITED FROM GULF OIL DISCOUNTS ON CRUDE OIL SALES. REAFFIRMED STAND WERE GRANTED IN COURSE 'NORMAL BUSINESS' (WSJ, TOKYO).

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OFFICIAL FORECASTS 40 PCT INCREASE MEXICO SALT EXPORTS JAPAN DURING 1976 (JOC, MEXICO CITY).

CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS AUTOS REPLACE STEEL AS LEADING JAPANESE EXPORT. DUE MAINLY HEAVY SALES US MARKET. INDUSTRY EXPECTS SALES CLIMB WEGE, FRANCE, OTHER COUNTRIES EUR.

CULLISON ALSO NOTES AGREEMENT AFTER FOUR-WEEK TALKS BETWEEN GOB, JAPAN-BRAZIL AG DEVELOP COOPERATION, ON PLAN OPEN 50,000 HECTARE EXPERIMENTAL JOINT FARM, CENTRAL BRAZIL, AT COST 26.4 MILLION DOLS.

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC SAID PROSPECTS BRIGHTER FOURTH

QUARTER, BUT EARNING LAGGED 6 PCT BELOW SAME QUARTER
LAST YEAR, AT 40.6 MILLION DOLS (WSJ, OSAKA).

CSM NOTES REPORT INGERSOLL RESIGNING END MARCH, TO
RETURN PRIVATE INDUSTRY. PART NORMAL TURNOVER, ACCORDING
DOS OFFICIALS, DOES NOT PRESAGE HAK RESIGNATION. CITES
KNOWLEDGA0LE DOS OFFICIALS THAT 'MAY BE ANOTHER CHANGE
OR TWO' AT TOP, AND REPLACEMENT FOR SISCO, WHO RESIGNED
LAST WEEK, WOULD BE CAREER DIPLOMAT. NO REPORT
ON INGERSOLL SUCCESSOR.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

WSTAR (2/28) NOTES REPORTS DISSIDENT ACTIVITY FROM SVN,
SHOOTOUT IN SAIGON CHURCH THAT HANOI RADIO BLAMES ON CIA.
QUOTES AUTHORITIES HERE THAT COMMUNISTS SYSTEMATICALLY
CRACKING DOWN ON SVN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, WITH
EMPHASIS ON POWERFUL RC CHURCH. CONSIDERS SIGNIFICANT
THAT INCIDENTS REPORTED; BELIEVES SERVES NOTICE MORE
SEVERE REPRESSION TO COME, IS EVIDENCE AUTHORITIES TAKING
RESISTANCE MORE SERIOUSLY THAN REPORTS INDICATE.
CONCLUDES COMMUNISTS HAVING "NOT INCONSIDERABLE"
DIFFICULTIES "CONDITIONING," "EDUCATING, POPULATION
FOR ASSIMILATION INTO NVN SOCIALIST SOCIETY.

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RICE (WP 2/29) REVIEWS BOOK, 'FISH AND FISH DISHES OF
LAOS," BY RECENT UK AMB TO VIENTIANE, ALAN DAVIDSON.
FINDS INTERESTING, INFORMATIVE. NOTES EX-AMB WORKING
ON BOOK COVERING FISH OF ALL SEA, ALSO WRITING NOVEL WITH
INDOCHINA SETTING.

,2. AUSTRALIA

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JOC'S STOVE NOTES AUSSIES EXPECT EVENTFUL, BUOYANT YR AS
BUSINESS STARTS UPWARD TURN, MEASURES TAKEN RESTORE
CONFIDENCE, REVITALIZE ECONOMY. REVIEWS DIFFERENT
SECTORS, POINTS OUT EXPORTS STILL KEY, WITH MUCH
DEPENDING ON JAPANESE MARKET.

13. PACIFIC ISLANDS

NYDN DECRIES BUREAUCRATIC REFUSAL PERMIT IMPORT "UMI
UMI" FROM FRENCH POLYNESIA FOR RESEARCH. ANIMAL IS
INTELLIGENT PIG WITH PHYSIOLOGICAL SIMILARITIES TO MAN.
POINTS OUT IMPORTS FROM S PAC FORBIDDEN SINCE HOOF-AND-
MOUTH DISEASE OCCURRED THERE, BUT NEVER ANY H & M DISEASE
IN FRENCH POLYNESIA.

14. CHINA

ISAACS IN SUN SAYS CHINESE, RATHER THAN EXORCISING
A GHOST RESURRECTED ONE IN THE FORM OF NIXON --
ONE OF THE MORE BIZARRE HAPPENINGS IN DIPLOMATIC
HISTORY. CHINESE PROBABLY CHOSE TO IGNORE LIKELY
ADVERSE US REACTION. CHINESE MOTIVATION BASED ON:

NEED TO SHOW CONTINUITY IN FOPOL AT TIME OF DOMESTIC
STRIFE; REBUKE FORD FOR SLOWNESS ON NORMALIZATION;
PROVIDE HIGH VISIBILITY FOR NEW ACTING PREMIER;
CONVEY MAO'S GENUINE GRATITUDE FOR OPENING TO US.

SUN EDIT (2/29) TERMS CHINESE TREATMENT OF NIXON
"HAM-HANDED" AND SAYS CHINESE MAY BE GETTING A LESSON
FROM AMERICAN PEOPLE'S REACTIONS TO TRIP WHICH IS
VIEWED AS A CLUMSY MISUSE OF OUR SOCIETY'S OPENNESS.

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FRANK STARR IN CHITRIB DISC'SSES REPUBLICAN PARTY
POLITICAL POLARIZATION CAUSED BY NIXON TRIP POINTING
OUT THAT NO ONE CAN FULLY SHED ANY PAST ASSOCIATION
WITH NIXON.

ZELNICK IN CSM ESTIMATES NIXON TRIP COST TAXPAYERS
25,000 DOLS EXTRA, BUT POINTS OUT THAT
SECRET SERVICE FORCE WAS NOT INCREASED
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